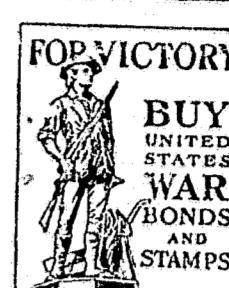


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PURITY CHAPTER OFFICERS INSTALLED LAST NIGHT

The officers of Purity Chapter, O. E. S., were installed Wednesday evening by Frank Bean, assisted by Mrs. Frank Bean, chaplain, and Mrs. Adelaide Lister, organist, all of Jefferson Chapter, Bryant Pond. Mrs. Ethel Hastings was Marshal. Officers installed were:

W. M.—Mrs. Ruth Hastings
W. P.—William Hastings
A. M.—Mrs. Ada Conner
Sec.—Mrs. Ethel Bisbee
A. P.—Grover Brooks
Treas.—Mrs. Patricia Bennett
Cond.—Mrs. Doris Bryant
A. Cond.—Mrs. Ruth Chapman
Chaplain—Mrs. Eva Browne
Marshal—Mrs. Lena Chapman
Adah—Mrs. Harriet Hall
Ruth—Mrs. Lyndall Carter
Esther—Mrs. Gertrude Boyker
Martha—Mrs. Virginia Hood
Electa—Miss Mary Soule
Warder—Mrs. Maude Irvine
Sentinel—Clarence Hall

The degrees were conferred on one candidate.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Frank Osgood is confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. Winfield Howe spent the weekend in Bath.

Miss Ruby Knapp is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knapp.

Mrs. Addie Farwell is gaining from her recent illness.

Miss Hildred Bartlett is spending two weeks in Norway.

Mrs. M. A. Gordon is recovering from an attack of bronchitis.

Mrs. Jennie Brown, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is improving.

William Robertson of Becker College is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Sadie Robertson.

Miss Arlene Brown returned to Boston Wednesday, after spending a few days at her home.

Misses Marilyn and Betty Marshall of Portland visited relatives in town over the week-end.

Miss Elaine Warren has a position as laboratory and X-ray technician at the Calais Hospital.

Mrs. Frank Bartlett and Mrs. Herbert Tifft spent last Thursday with Mrs. Chester French at Norway.

Miss Ruth Aubin returned to Farmington Wednesday after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ray York.

Mrs. Lennie Howe has finished work at Farwell & Wight's and Mrs. Sadie Allen is now employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. French attended Pomona Grange at Bryant Pond Tuesday.

Misses Madelyn Bird, Florice Grover, Jean Fall and Constance Philbrick spent the week-end in Lewiston.

Dana Eames, youngest son of Mrs. J. B. Chapman, was inducted Jan. 19 and is now stationed at Fort Tyson, Tenn.

Miss Francine Warren, who is employed in a brass factory at Bridgeport, Conn., was at her home there from Thursday to Sunday.

GILEAD

Mrs. George Daniels returned home from Portland Saturday after spending a few days with relatives.

Misses Verne and Barbara Brown of East Haverhill, N. H., were recent guests of Mrs. Ada Conner.

Mrs. Florence Holden attended Oxford County Pomona Grange at Bryant Pond Tuesday.

Mrs. Ina Oleson of Hartford, Conn., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Muriel LePointe.

Miss Emeline Heath, who taught school in Canton, was called home Saturday by the serious illness of her father, A. T. Heath.

BASKETBALL AT THE FIELD HOUSE FRIDAY

In the preliminary games starting at 7:15 on Friday, Feb. 5, the Sophomore and Junior girls will play off one of the games in their interclass basketball tournament. In this tournament, each class plays the other three classes once, and the team which wins the largest number of games is proclaimed the championship team.

At 8:30 another close battle is expected as the now tied Seniors and Juniors clash for their second encounter. In the first meeting these two leading clubs put on a thrilling 21 to 20 game with the Seniors finally winning out. The upperclassmen will be minus two of their regular players on Friday so the Juniors are determined to gain a one game edge on their bitterest rival. But! The Seniors are just as determined to make up for their loss in manpower by a determined all out battle.

Fans of Bethel are cordially invited to attend these games. There is no charge for admission.

NUTRITION MEETINGS TO BE HELD HERE

The first of two Nutrition meetings will be held at the Bethel Canteen Center on Monday, March 1, conducted by Ethel A. Walsh, Home Demonstration Agent. All persons interested in taking the course are asked to notify Mrs. Dorothy Abbott, Farm Bureau chairman, or Miss Cleo Russell, Canteen chairman.

AIRCRAFT WARNING SERVICE MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FEB. 10

Owing to several transfers affecting the personnel of the Aircraft Warning Service it was impossible for the Army officers to be present at William Bingham Gymnasium on Wednesday evening as planned. The meeting will be held instead on Wednesday evening of next week, Feb. 10, when it is hoped that a large number will be present.

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Miss Dorothy Fish was one of seven girls to receive caps at a ceremony Monday afternoon at the Nurses' Home at Bath Memorial Hospital. Miss Fish graduated from Gould Academy in 1942.

George Thompson is attracting some attention around the village with his Swedish kick sled. With long thin spring steel runners the sled can be pushed easily with a heavy load and coast freely on the slightest grade. More of these sleds will soon be seen around town.

Leland Brown entertained three tables of whist at his home Saturday evening. Prizes for high score were won by Jacqueline Macfarlane and Lynwood Wheeler, consolation prizes went to Rebecca Finlinson and Eugene Van Den Kerkhoven.

The host conducted a quiz contest and refreshments were served. Guests were Norma Hunt, Roberta Philbrick, Jacqueline Macfarlane, Dorothy Judkins, Mary Wentzel, Norma Bean, Lynwood Wheeler, Eugene Van Den Kerkhoven, Jerry Davis, Billy O'Brien and Erroll Dorfman.

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TOWN OUT OF DEBT; BISBEE SUMMARIZES AT C. OF C. MEETING

There was an attendance of 27 at the meeting of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, which was held at the Legion rooms Tuesday evening. The meeting followed an excellent supper served at 6:30. During the short business session two new members were accepted and it was voted to give \$5.00 to the ladies' service organization and to procure a cord of wood for the Legion.

The speaker of the evening was Ernest F. Bisbee, chairman of the board of Selectmen since 1935, who gave a short but enlightening account of the town's condition. He also told of some of the problems of the past year and traced the town's indebtedness since 1925 until now there is no debt except for the usual small outstanding bills.

The past year apparently has not been easy for town officials. Among unexpected troubles were the shortage of tar road surfacing and a storm on June 14 which caused much damage in road washouts. This expense caused overdrafts of about \$2000 in the roads and bridges account and \$1164 in third class road maintenance. One example of decreased charges is in the poor account where nearly \$2000 is saved; the 1942 expenditure being \$2000.25, compared with \$4901.68 the year before.

A pleasing feature of the year's business was an increase in valuation of \$28,000 over 1941. This is partly accounted for by the construction of 3.63 miles of the Portland-Montreal pipe line in town two years ago.

A considerable amount of the \$1000 raised for Civilian Defense is still unused. The purchase of a new alarm has not been completed yet as the priority arrangements are not yet cleared up, but it is expected that the alarm can be obtained soon.

The townspeople have reason for pride in the year's transactions, in that the unexpected balances and overlay will more than offset the overdrafts, as well as in the progress of the last few years which resulted in finally emerging in 1942 from the old burden of debt. Mr. Bisbee's report of the debt included the following data:

1925, Bonds	\$7,000
B. S. B. notes	350
	\$7,350
1930, Bonds	\$1,000
B. S. B., 3 School House Notes	6,964
B. N. B., Notes	14,000
	\$21,064
1935, Notes	\$16,100
1940, Notes	\$6,800
1943, No debt.	

Following Mr. Bisbee's talk and an enthusiastic expression of the group's appreciation there was a short period of questions and discussion.

BETHEL SCHOOL SAVINGS

Week of Feb. 1	Grade	Sav.	Total	Percent
I		\$2.30	60	
II		\$2.00	3.35	45
III			1.75	68
IV		3.00	0.00	78
V		\$5.00	\$13.40	
VI		\$1.00	\$1.85	35
VII		1.00	1.70	35
VIII		2.00	1.65	46
		4.00	4.20	51
		\$8.00	\$8.40	

Fourth and Eighth Glades have bathers.

RED CROSS WORKERS HAVE SEWING AND KNITTING

There is plenty of sewing and knitting for Red Cross workers and they are urged to manifest their interest and willingness.

The Red Cross Rooms will be open in the near future and also a Surgical Dressing department. An experienced worker will demonstrate the cutting, folding and packing of surgical dressings.

Mrs. E. F. Bisbee reports to date 21 kit bags have been made. The American Legion Auxiliary has contributed \$5.00, individuals \$3.00, and members of the Service Club \$5.00 toward filling these bags.

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Seventy-five yards of material is being cut into bed jackets. Some women have taken this work to do at home and more are needed.

Mrs. G. L. Thurston has a new consignment of yarn for sweaters and mufflers and is anxious for people to call for instructions and material.

HEADMASTER IRELAND SPEAKING IN MASS.

Elwood F. Ireland, headmaster of Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine will be guest speaker at the regular luncheon meeting of the Arlington Kiwanis Club which meets Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Old Mill in Arlington, Mass. He will talk on "Pioneering in Education," which is a discussion of curriculum changes that have been brought about by the war in schools.

Henry Otteson of Arlington, program chairman, is in charge of arrangements.

While in Boston Mr. Ireland will also give two radio interviews, one over WHDH on the subject of wartime curricula, and the other over WCOP on the preparedness of youth.



Pvt. Clayton Crockett is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. Richard Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bennett of North Newry, who was inducted into the Army Jan. 13, has been stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga., a member of the Coast Artillery.

Pvt. Roy C. Tripp of Hill Field, Utah, has been promoted to Corporal.

Corp. Tech. Emery Vail, having completed his course at Port Arthur College, has been transferred back to Drew Field, Tampa, Fla.

Edgar Coolidge has been promoted from Seaman First Class to Yeoman Third Class.

Raymond Bartlett, formerly of East Bethel, has enlisted in the Navy and left for Norfolk, Va., Friday.

Pvt. Robert Lowe is stationed with the Coast Artillery at Camp Stewart, Ga.

Pvt. Nestor Ruokolainen of Greenwood is now stationed in Wyoming.

Pvt. Leroy Martin Jr. of Greenwood is attending a radio school in Chicago.

Theodore Cummings and Lee Swan of Locke Mills, who recently enlisted in the Air Corps, are in New Jersey.

Pvt. Robert Browne of Camp Atterbury, Ind., is expected home soon for a few days furlough.

Pvt. Laurence Bartlett is at McCallum Beach, Fla., at the Air Corps Training Center.

Lt. Charles O. Smith, who recently graduated from the Advanced Flying School at George Field, Ill., is now located at Smyrna, Tenn.

GOULD WINTER CARNIVAL PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK

Plans are being made to make this year's Gould Academy Carnival one of the best ever held in Bethel. The Carnival, which is sponsored by the Outing Club, will be held on Feb. 12 and 13.

On Friday afternoon there will be ski events on the Athletic Field and a basketball game at 4:30 between the Sophomores and the "B" All-Stars. Those students who travel to and from school on the buses have been invited to supper at the girls' dormitory on Friday evening.

There will be skating during the first part of the evening and the queen will be crowned at the rink. This will be followed by a Gould All-Stars and Bethel "Town Team" basketball game at 8:30. At 9:30, cocoa and sandwiches will be served in the basement of Holden Hall, and dancing will be enjoyed by those who wish it.

Saturday will be devoted to skiing events—both boys and girls competing. On the whole, the competition will be interclass, although many of the events are open to all competitors. The annual Carnival Ball will be held in the gymnasium Saturday night, with the new queen reigning. The student admission to the Carnival is 35 cents, and the admission to the general public is 50 cents. This fee covers all the events scheduled.

PARENT TEACHER MEETING NEXT MONDAY

The regular meeting of the Bethel Parent Teacher Association will be held next Monday evening at the Grammar School building.

Aside from the regular business meeting Mrs. R. R. Tibbets has been asked to give a 30 minute book talk. She has chosen one of the very latest selections of the Book of the Month Club, "They Took to the Woods," by Louise Dickinson Rich. This will be especially interesting to the young people as well as the adults for it centers around our own Maine woods and tells of local personages in Upton and Errol. Mrs. Tibbets will tell in her own inimitable manner of the pet skunk which they raised to maturity and many, many other interesting features.

Miss Mollie Davis, fifth grade teacher, will also present several members of her Glee Club in two selections, "Sing" and "The Home Port."

The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Laurence Lord, Mrs. Philip Chadbourn and Mrs. Edith Clement. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this meeting whether members of the organization or not.

Employees of the International Harvester Co., Rock Island, Ill., who carry a full passenger load in their autos are indentified by red, white and blue stickers, while partly filled cars display a white one, indicating that more riders are wanted.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYST

A Non-Partisan Editorial Review of the Events of Each Week, Illustrated

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns they are those of Western Newspaper Union news analysts, and not necessarily of this newspaper.

FOOD PRODUCTION:
Gets New Incentive

Two significant steps to spur the "Food for Victory" campaign were taken when the War Production board authorized a 30 per cent increase in production of farm machinery and Secretary of Agriculture Wickard announced a program of federal credit designed to extend from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000 to farmers for stepping up essential food production.

The WPB increased the steel allotment for farm machinery from 137,000 tons to 187,000 tons for the first quarter of 1943. This new tonnage was in addition to an increase previously authorized for the production of repair parts for farm implements.

Mr. Wickard said loans needed mostly by small and medium-sized farmers would be extended through the Regional Agricultural Credit corporation. Size of loans will be limited only by the amount needed to do the production job. The loans will be of short-term duration at 5 per cent interest.

RUSS STEAMROLLER:
Impact Hurts Nazis

From Leningrad to the Black sea the Russian steamroller offensive rumbled on, gathering momentum on all fronts. Nazi armies were forced to yield ground won in bloody battles last year; to surrender strategic "hedgehog" strong points and to see supply and communication lines shattered.

Russian sources asserted that 500,000 Germans had been killed and 200,000 captured since the winter offensive was launched in November.

Red strategy had specially concentrated on five key Nazi-held cities between the Ukraine and the north Caucasus. These were Kharkov, steel producing center; Rostov, communications city at the mouth of the Don river; Voroshilovgrad, industrial metropolis of the Donets basin; Balsk, important rail junction; and Armavir, gateway to the Baku-Rostov oil railroad.

Possession of these cities would not only open a vast reservoir of materials and machinery to the Russians, but it would loosen the Nazi stranglehold on the central and southern front. It would mean that the Germans would have to fall all the way back to the Dnieper river and hold lines dangerously close to Rumania, Poland and Lithuania.

Progress of the Red armies toward these goals showed no signs of letup. Significant of the power of the offensive was the capture of Voroshilovsk, industrial and agricultural center of the Caucasus, 43 miles east of key Armavir.

NORTH AFRICA:
Death of Empire

Tripoli's fall had various meanings for various interpreters. To historians it wrote finale to Mussolini's grandiose dreams of empire, for it was here the Duce had begun his disastrous expansion policy. To military observers it meant that the Allies could now concentrate closer attention on cleaning up the last Axis strongholds in Tunisia.

It had been apparent to observers that Marshal Rommel's retreat through Tripolitania had had Tunisia and not Tripoli as its goal. Rear-guard efforts to protect the main body of his retreat had constituted the only action in and around Tripoli.

Allied airmen had not only strafed doomed Tripoli, but General Montgomery's British eighth army and General LeClerc's Fighting French had constantly harried the retreating Afrika Korps.



Closer relations between the United States and Chile and a harder crackdown on Nazi espionage in South America were results expected from the recent action of the Chilean government in breaking diplomatic relations with the Axis. Shown above are Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles (left) and Senor Don Rodolfo Michelis, Chilean ambassador, discussing the situation.

In Tunisia the Axis had made strenuous efforts to cover Rommel's withdrawal by launching offensive thrusts against French positions southwest of Pond-du-Fahs.

While junction of Rommel's army with those of Nazi Col. Gen. Von Arnim would strengthen Axis forces in Tunisia, the Allies would similarly be strengthened, by the addition of British and Fighting French troops to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's legions.

PRICE RISE:
Predicted by Brown

As additional rationing and price regulations were promulgated, the American public learned that Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown's direction of the OPA would be less dramatic but no less firm than that of his predecessor Leon Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen were assured by the new administrator, however, that the OPA would be operated solely for the protection of the American people. Frankly acknowledging that price rises were inevitable, Mr. Brown promised that such rises would be "slow and well-ordered."

Brown, former senator from Michigan, said he felt the nation had done a much better job in keeping down prices than in World War I. Since September 1, 1939, he said, an overall price increase of 39 per cent had occurred, compared with a 110 per cent increase for the entire First World war period.

SOUTH PACIFIC:

Prelude by Air

"Softening up" attacks by air on Jap-held Lae were carried on by Allied fliers as a prelude to land movements by General MacArthur's forces. For Lae was the next calling spot on the Allies' schedule after mopping-up operations had been successfully concluded in the Sanananda area, last Jap toehold in the Papuan peninsula.

The Allies anticipated no junket in their next New Guinea offensive, for the same Jap jungle tactics that had delayed the capture of Gona, Buna and Sanananda could be expected.

Aerial activity was not confined to the Lae area, for American and Australian planes bombed shipping at Finschhafen and hit the airdrome and wharf sections of Madang in New Guinea. Elsewhere Allied airmen visited Cape Gloucester and Gasmata in Jap-held New Britain and strafed an enemy barge concentration off Willaumex peninsula.

In Australia, Allied bombers continued their pounding of enemy warships and merchantmen far to the north. At Amboin, 600 miles northwest of Darwin, they scored hits on a cruiser and cargo vessel.

AXIS TRUMP:
Subs Still Potent

Hurled back on all world fronts by the ever-increasing ferocity of United Nations attacks, the Axis still controlled one ace offensive weapon—German submarines.

Hitler was said by British Admiral Sir Percy Noble to be maintaining 200 U-boats of his fleet of 500 at sea all the time in an effort to keep the tremendous output of Allied war factories from the battlefields. Unofficial British estimates placed Nazi submarine construction at 15 to 20 a month—faster than naval experts believe the Allies are sinking them.

Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, reported that German submarines had sunk more Allied shipping in January than in December.

A brighter side of the picture emerged, however, when the Lend-Lease administration announced that the United States and Britain had sent Russia 5,800 tanks and 4,600 airplanes up to January 1 and promised that aid to the Soviet "will grow still more in 1943." Regardless of submarine wolfpacks, convoys were getting through.

CHILDBIRTH:
Pain Is Stilled

To a world snuffing out lives in pain on scores of battle fields, the American Medical Association brought tidings that the sufferings attendant on life's beginning might be banished through a new method of childbirth anesthesia that is without danger either to mother or baby.

Designated as "continuous caudal anesthesia" the new technique was developed by Drs. Robert Hingson and Waldo Edwards of the Marine Hospital at Staten Island, N. Y. Their report was corroborated by statements from 19 other clinics and hospitals which tested the new method on 589 patients.

NAZI AIR RAIDS:
RAF Welcomes Reprisals

Tragic as was the death of scores of school children in German bombing raids on London, aviation authorities hailed the renewal of Nazi attacks as a further opportunity to weaken the Axis in the air.

Every raid means a further thinning of Hitler's already overextended air forces, these authorities pointed out. In the biggest daylight air assault on London since the 1940 battle of Britain, the Nazis lost 13 planes while the British lost two. Because of improved anti-aircraft defense, destruction and loss of civilian life were held to minimum levels.

The German raids have been in reprisal for gutting attacks on Berlin by large flights of RAF bombers raining down four-ton "block busters" on the Nazi capital, and spewing incendiary bombs that caused untold damage. British losses on these raids were comparatively light, officials revealed.

More Blood:
Asked by Red Cross

Mounting war casualties prompted a request from the army and navy for the Red Cross to procure 4,000,000 pints of blood during 1943, or more than three times the amount obtained from volunteer donors last year.

Red Cross Chairman Dwight F. Davis disclosed that the request had come from Maj. Gen. James C. Magee and Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, surgeons general of the army and navy respectively.

RUBBER:
Jeffers vs. RFC

With his synthetic rubber program facing further curtailment so that more convoy escort vessels can be built and more high octane gasoline produced for fighting fliers, Rubber Conservation Director William M. Jeffers assumed control of all rubber import programs formerly exercised by the Board of Economic Warfare through the Rubber Re-



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serve company, a Reconstruction Finance corporation subsidiary.

This action meant that henceforth Jesse Jones, as head of the RFC's Rubber Reserve company, which supplies the money for operations, would take orders from Mr. Jeffers instead of from the BEW on rubber imports. It meant, moreover, that Jeffers hoped to bolster lagging synthetic rubber production by imports as a means of keeping civilians supplied with automobile tires.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

WASHINGTON: Dependents of 1,294,852 enlisted men in the army are now receiving allotments, according to a war department announcement. The announcement revealed that up to January 1, a total of 1,519,055 applications for such payments had been received. Of these, 133,750 were disallowed temporarily, pending receipt of additional information.

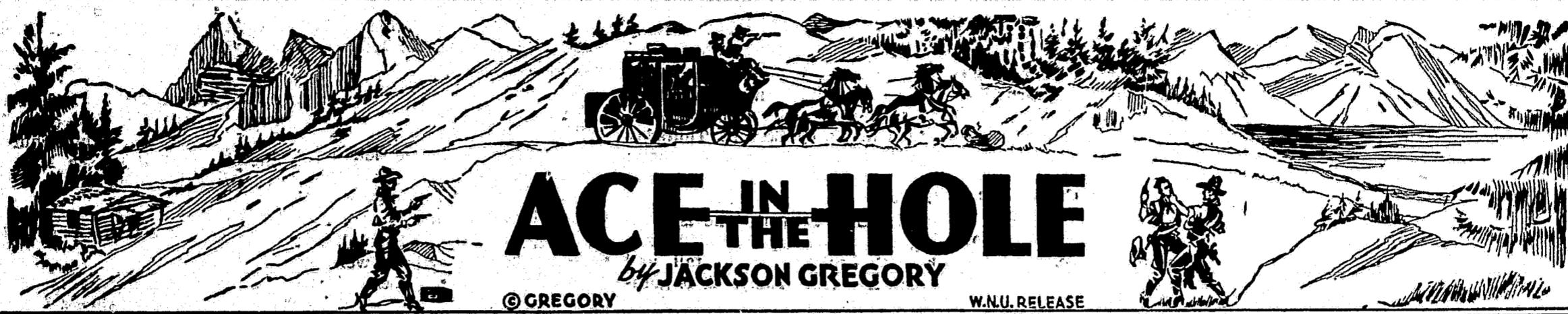
CAMDEN, N. J.: Fourth of a series of aircraft carriers to be launched in 20 weeks, the Cowpens slid down the ways of the New York Shipbuilding corporation yards here on the 162nd anniversary of the battle of Cowpens in the Revolutionary war. The Cowpens' predecessors were the carriers Independence, Princeton and Belleau Wood. The battle of Cowpens was fought in 1781 and resulted in an American victory.

The new vessel was christened by Mrs. Preston Lea Spruance of Greenville, Del., daughter of Adm. William F. Halsey, naval chief of the southwest Pacific.

LONDON: An 80-year-old San Francisco sea captain, George E. Bridgett, commanded a new Liberty ship in a convoy which recently brought relief to Malta. It was disclosed here. Captain Bridgett, believed to be the oldest active sea captain in the world, emerged from 15 years' retirement to make the run on a ship that had been built in 24 hours at the Kaiser shipyards.

ALBANY, N. Y.: Attributing his rescue to divine intervention, Sergt. John Bartke, 23, a survivor with Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker of the 21-day ordeal in the Pacific, announced he had made plans to become a minister after the war. "Up to the time of that ordeal," he said, "I hadn't thought much about going to church. After what happened to me out there, I've decided I'm going to become a minister. I feel I'm a true believer." He addressed war workers here. The young soldier is making a tour of war plants as a morale-boosting effort.

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ACE IN THE HOLE

by JACKSON GREGORY

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THE STORY SO FAR: Old Early Bill Cole had known for six months that his days were numbered. Of late he had been up and about each morning earlier than usual, telling some part of his widespread acres, the King Cole Ranch, a fast adios. It was still half dark one morning as he was walking through his beloved pines, when a rifle shot rang clear thro' the stillness, and Early Bill felt a stab of pain. Leaning against an old pine he blazed away at a man crashing through the bushes. Then he laughed, for he had shot the man's hat off! Slaggering home Early Bill sent Gaucho Ortega, one of his Mexican hands, for "Doc Joe" and the "Judge."

Now continue with the story.

CHAPTER II

Doc Joe and the Judge were at the King Cole Ranch almost as soon as the young Mexican. They found four of the ranch hands hanging around the house, scraping dirt with the toes of their lop-sided boots, looking as though they didn't mean to look worried. At the sound of speeding hoofs and wheels they jerked up their heads, and one man came out of the house, a small, mahogany-brown man who looked as hard as nails and was harder than he looked. Early Bill's foreman, Cal Roundtree.

"Howdy, gents," he said, and sounded surly as though he resented their coming. "Come on in."

They went in and found old Early Bill sitting in his big chair. He looked more dead than alive.

"You darned old fool," snorted Doc Joe. He put his bag down, took off his coat and rolled up his sleeves.

"What did you shoot yourself for? Or, far as that goes, why the hell didn't you do it long ago? Think I like to go skallyhooting all over the country for the likes of you?"

"Howdy—Judge," said the old man, by way of most beautifully ignoring Doc Joe and all his words.

"I've got to get you onto a bed, Bill," said Doc Joe. "I can't get at you right, this way, sitting on a chair."

"I ain't going to bed. Most likely working me over, you're going to kill me anyhow, and if I've got to get murdered I'd like it better sitting up."

"If the old buzzard won't go to bed, Judge, being that superstitious and scared of dying because of the devil waiting to grab him," said Doc Joe, "lend me a hand to heave his old carcass up on this here table. Now, Bill, you come off your high horse and do as I say or I'll bat your brains out."

"If I had any brains, you pill-roller," grumbled Early Bill, "do you think I'd let you put your murderous hands on me?"

The two helped him to stand and, with what small aid he could give them, got him stretched out on top of the table. Doc Joe's skillful hands, whether or not murderous, swiftly denuded him from neck to belly-band and removed the make-shift bandage. Then for a time the physician—and there was not a more skilled within riding range of Bald Eagle—kept his tongue in his mouth and gave himself shrewdly to his work.

The Judge stood by, watching in a detached sort of way as though willing enough to stick around in case a hand were needed, but mildly bored. The men outside stood looking in at the open door; only Cal Roundtree came in; he didn't know that he was walking on tip toes.

Sometime later when Early Bill Cole returned to a misty sort of consciousness he made out that he was in his bed, undressed, bound about with what he judged to be a couple of miles of bandage, and stuffed into one of his long-tailed night gowns.

At the moment somehow he didn't care.

He had stirred very slightly and on the instant the two old cronies of his popped into his room.

"Well?" he demanded as sharply as he could manage.

"You sure bled like a stuck hawg," Doc Joe told him. "Who shot you, Bill?"

"I wouldn't know, Doc; that's the hell of it. Say! If you boys happen to see a feller wearing a light-colored Stetson with a hole in it—or wearing no hat at all—or one brand new out of the store—but let's take up business before pleasure, as the feller says. Got my come-uppance for certain this trip, huh, Doc?"

"I sort of reckon, Bill," he said, pulling at his lower lip, "that it won't be all-fired long now before this is a better, cleaner world—and me and the Judge will be winning a couple of bets."

"Hmf!" said Early Bill. Then that crooked and somehow endearing grin of his came back, just a ghost of what it used to be but still there, like a flicker of winter sunlight. "Might be you lose out yet, you two scums of creation. Might be your horses runs away and breaks your damn necks before I check out!"

Nobody said anything for a little while. Early Bill was resting, Doc Joe stepped out to bring him something to swallow, mostly hot whisky, and the Judge appeared to be taking matters judicially under advisement. They lifted Early Bill and got his drink down him. Then they had one apiece.

The draft brought the sick and wounded man a flush of strength. He spoke more clearly.

"Squat, you boys, and listen. Me, I'll do the talking."

They dragged up chairs.

"First, Doc, let's know where we stand. I need a little time and a mite of stren'th. I'm not going to pop off in a hurry like a candle blown out, am I? I feel pretty good after that drink."

"You're a tough old bird, Bill," said Doc Joe thoughtfully. "If you hadn't been on the skids anyhow, this thing wouldn't have done you in. It's just hurrying things along some. No, there's no rush. Say the word and I can keep boosting you along—Oh, how do I know? Anyhow, shoot the works and take your time."

"Fair enough and gracias, amigo," said Early Bill. "Here we go."

It was a fairly long, one-sided talk, with Bill Cole now and then forced to silence and rest, and before the conference was over every man of them had taken several sips.

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than that he had had two friends who had meant much, very much to him. Forty years before, and more, there had roamed through the mountains a small company known far and wide as Hell's Triplets: Early Bill Cole, Busty Lee, Buck Cody. Busty Lee and Buck Cody were happily dead these many years, having been swept away together in a night of violence, and about all that they had left behind them was their various offspring. Busty Lee had left a daughter with little dower save her loveliness, and Buck Cody had bequeathed to the world a son and not much to go along with him. They knew that little Ann Lee was teaching school somewhere or another and living with her Aunt Jenifer—her aunt living with her, rather; and that young Cody was trying to make a mining engineer out of himself. All this they knew because old Bill had told them—and that, with the first creeping of the shadow over him some months ago, he had piled into the stage and had been away for a couple of weeks—and had come

girl. He's an upstanding young he-wildcat and she's the cutest trick and the nicest and—well, the sweetest you ever laid eyes on. So they get the works. The whole of the cash, The money's in your bank, Judge, if you haven't stole it yet, anyhow a couple of hundred thousand dollars—about two five now, I reckon, in case the interest hasn't et up all the principal, or you haven't been losing heavy at draw!"

The Judge, eyeing him, thought, "He knows what he's talking about."

"Now," went on Early Bill, "I've got a job for each one of you horn toads, and I'm paying each one of you a dollar a day and found, high wages for you two. Judge, you go in, there and hunker down at the table and write me those two wills. Make 'em just the same, giving, granting and disposing and so forth all I got. In one will, give everything to her. In the other give everything to him. And you date 'em both the same, as of today. You, Doc, you move that old trunk of

you a question: What's this about two locks?"

"Look at 'em good!"

"I am looking—They're different, that what you mean?"

"Takes two different keys to open 'em!" said a triumphant Bill Cole.

To two old porch-sitters in front of the Bald Eagle Hotel came a young man on horseback. The two, watching everything that went on, smoking their after supper stogies, took stock of him when he first rode into town down at the far end of the street. He rode straight to the hotel, dismounted and approached. He was young and lean and brown and tall. In the saddle he had been loosely graceful; one felt that for all that seeming carelessness in his way of riding, that if his horse had of a sudden sought to leap out from under him he would still have been sitting there in the saddle, confident and vaguely arrogant. Here were men dressed as they pleased; this young man struck a note. From flashy, high-heeled boots to the silk bandana, bright red, around his brown throat and on up to his forty dollar hat, he displayed a touch of elegance. A handsome young dark devil, too, when they saw his face.

"Howdy, gents," he greeted them, and sat on the porch, holding his horse's reins. He removed his hat and ran his fingers through his hair that was inclined toward length, rich darkness and curliness.

Civilly they returned his greeting. "Howdy," they said.

"I'm a stranger here," he told them. "You look like you belonged here. Maybe you can tell me the way to Bill Cole's ranch?"

They directed him, telling him it was a couple of hours' ride, indicating the short cuts to take on horseback. He said, "Thanks," rolled a cigarette, smoked half of it, tossed the butt into the dust and stood up.

"Only," said Doc Joe, "I don't know as they're wide open for com-p'ny right now. Bill Cole's sick."

"Sick? Say—What's wrong? Nothing bad, is it?"

"He ain't feeling any too good," said Doc Joe.

The young man eyed him in a penetrating sort of way.

"You might be the doctor?" he judged. And Doc Joe nodded. "Well, all the more reason I should ride along. You see I'm his nephew. My name's Rance Waldron."

Waldron tarried a moment as though thinking some word might be added. When none was forthcoming he swung up into the saddle again, lifting easily and somehow gracefully, a man full of strength and youth and vitality, and rode away.

They watched him out of sight.

"Hmf," said the Judge then.

"He had a hat," mused Doc Joe.

"Yep. Wasn't any hole in it, though."

"Nope. Wasn't even a new hat, either."

"Not light-colored, either. Black."

"Too bad."

Doc Joe rolled his stogie and the Judge rolled his cud. They didn't look at each other, just sat there and drew their eyelids down like two old roosters. After a while,

"Rance Waldron, huh?" brooded Doc Joe. "Do you know, Judge, that old fool Bill Cole has sometimes struck me as a pretty fair judge of folks. This young Waldron, I don't cotton to him much. I don't like the cut of his eye."

"Me neither," agreed the Judge. "I noticed we were both sorry he didn't have a hole in his hat. Let's go get a drink."

(TO BE CONTINUED)



"You sure bled like a stuck hawg," Doc Joe told him.

back with that devil-saint-Santa Claus gleam in his eye.

"I looked 'em both over," he announced triumphantly. "And they didn't know me from Adam's off ox either, because I didn't happen to speak up. They're aces, Busty's and Buck's pups, and me, I'm going to have me some fun with them!"

"After you're dead!" they grunted at him.

"Yep!"

And now he was getting ready for his fun.

"In a minute, Judge, you're going to make me a couple of wills—" "Hold on there, Bill! Just because there are two legatees you don't need two wills!" He looked at Early Bill narrowly; maybe the old devil was too far gone already to know enough to make any sort of will!

Then in that case, everything, lock, stock and barrel would go to Rance Waldron as nearest of kin—the only kin, so far as Early Bill knew, though luckily distant.

"Who's doing this?" Early Bill grunted. "I'm leaving everything to you, Doc, and the Lee

mine to one side and yank up a couple of loose boards and hand me what you find. Let's go! Wages start when you start getting busy!"

Doc Joe shoved aside a battered old leather trunk, scrubbed in the corner, got a couple of loose boards up and after some further scrubbing came up, red-faced with a small iron lock-box in his dusty hands. The box was eighteen inches long, about six inches in the other dimensions, and was provided with two locks, each set about six inches from the end.

"I think it was that box of mine put the whole idea into my head," Early Bill said. "Having two locks like, notice? Look at 'em good, Doc?"

"What about 'em," demanded Doc Joe. "They're just two locks—"

"By the way," said Early Bill, "when you boys go out, send Cal Roundtree to me. Tell him to bring Gaucho. I've got me a great bunch! It's my ace in the hole!"

"You're crazy like a hoot owl," snorted the Judge. "Doc just asked

the week's news

DON: An 80-year-old San Francisco sea captain, George E. Bartlett, commanded a new Liberty ship in a convoy which recently came to relief to Malta, it was disclosed here. Captain Bridgett, believed to be the oldest active sea captain in the world, emerged from retirement to make the run which that had been built in 24 at the Kaiser shipyards.

ANY, N. Y.: Attributing his return to divine intervention, Sergt. Eddie Rickenbacker of the 21st Cavalry in the Pacific, announced he had made plans to become a minister after the war. "Up to the last minute," he said, "I thought much about going to church. After what happened to me, I've decided I'm going to become a minister. I feel I'm a believer." He addressed war veterans here. The young soldier is making a tour of war plants as a morale-boosting effort.

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BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent

Judith Grover Tent, No. 17, D. of U. V., met at the home of Mrs. Inez Whitman Jan. 28 with 10 members present. Floral committee for 1943, Mrs. Bessie Andrews, Mrs. Beatrice Farnum and Miss Clara Whitman; Relief Committee, Mrs. Inez Whitman, Mrs. Iva Farrar, Mrs. Helen Ring and Mrs. Mildred Dunham.

Refreshments of pop corn and candy after the meeting. Refreshment committee for January were Mrs. Beatrice Farnum and Miss Edith Whitman; February committee, Mrs. Bessie Andrews and Mrs. Inez Whitman. The next meeting will be February 9th and a Lincoln and Valentine program is planned.

Rev. Matthew Gashee of Harmony preached at the Baptist Church last Sunday. He had a fine sermon. He was accompanied here by his son.

Miss Barbara Cole, who has completed her course at the University of Maine in three and one half years is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cole. Miss Cole has been on the Dean's list during her entire course with tutorial honors. She has majored in sociology.

Mrs. Verna Swan, Lecturer of Franklin Grange returned Friday from Augusta where she attended school of instruction for Grange Lecturers.

Mrs. Levi McAllister is in Portland and will be with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McAllister several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Russell McAllister are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mrs. Herman Billings is the guest of her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Laforest Twitchell at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howe have received word that their son, Pvt. Richard Howe has received a broken leg from a fall while sitting. His address is Station Hospital, Ward 11, Camp Hale, Colorado.

Fred Farnum is confined to his home with the flu.

Mrs. John Hicks of South Paris visited Mrs. Leslie Abbott last Thursday and also Mrs. Eva Titus of South Paris, visited Mrs. Annie Bryant the same day.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Rawleigh Felt visited Monday at Arthur Whitman's.

Several from this community attended Pomona Grange Tuesday.

Diana Dudley visited his grandmother, Mrs. Herman Cole Tuesday.

Mrs. Lenwood Felt is gaining from her operation at St. Mark's Hospital, Lewiston.

Arthur Whitman was at Turner Sunday.

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MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Abner Kimball and daughter Ivy, called on Mrs. Stearns Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stearns and two daughters spent Sunday with her.

Mervin Buck and Curtis Winslow are cutting pine on Ernest Buck's behind Stephen Abbott's camp.

Dick Carter is cutting pine above Curtis Winslow's house.

Ethel Ward is still helping Mado Carter.

Catherine Stevens spent Friday night and Saturday with Rachel Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Swan and sons Jimmie and Robert Swan called at Carey Stevens Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Swan and Jimmie stayed until Saturday returning on the bus.

Mrs. Lilla Stearns, who is visiting her daughter, Hulda Stevens, had the misfortune to fall and break her arm Friday. It is gaining nicely.

Carey Stevens is helping Bill Ward cut pine on his lot beside the road.

SONG POND

Seldon Grover had a sick horse Sunday requiring Dr. Greenleaf.

Miss Katherine Skillings was at Mrs. Grindle's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kimball and baby of South Portland were at Arthur Kimball's and Leslie Kimball's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kimball were in Norway Monday on business.

Mrs. Bertha Mason, Lockes Mills came to see her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Childs and baby, Thursday. She also called to see Mrs. Mae Grindle and Gloria Childs.

Mrs. Maud Grindle spent the week end at Irving Green's North Waterford.

A. B. Kimball was in Norway Wednesday on business.

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BROWN, Irving
BROWN, Morton
BROWN, Norris
BROWN, Vernon
BROWNE, Robert I.
BRYANT, James
BURNS, Eugene
BURRIS, Russell
CARTER, Paul
CARTER, Stanley
CHAPIN, Charles
CHAPIN, Lloyd
CHAPIN, Milan
CHAPIN, Winona
CHAPMAN, Alonso Jr.
CHAPMAN, Paul

CHAPMAN, Robert
CHAPMAN, Sheridan
CHAYER, Arthur
CLOUGH, Emerson
CLOUGH, Filmore
CONRAD, Cecil
COOLIDGE, Edgar
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CROSS, Alton
CROSS, Donald
CROSS, Stuart
CUMMING, Irving
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DOREY, J. Tracy
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GIBBS, Arthur
GILBERT, Arthur
GILBERT, Shirley
GILL, Jack
GORMAN, Gardner
GALLANT, Ernest
GRAY, Arthur
GROVER, Frederick
HALE, Norman

YOUNG, Richard
HALL, Bradley
HOLT, J. Edward
HOLT, Donald
HOWE, Sidney
HUTCHINS, Lee
KEDDY, Royden
KIMBALL, Donald
KING, John
LOVEJOY, Alfred
LOVEJOY, Kenneth
LOWE, Robert
LUXTON, Donald
McMILLIN, Roderick
MERRICK, Joseph
MERRILL, Harold
MORGAN, Delmar
MORGAN, Olin
MORGAN, Wallace
MOORE, Robert
ONOFRIO, Christino
PARSONS, Frank
PARSONS, George
PERKINS, Ernest
PERRY, Lawrence
ROBERTSON, Edward
ROBERTSON, Henry

ROBERTSON, Winfield
RYERSON, Elmer
RYERSON, Hurschel
RYERSON, James
SAUNDERS, Kenneth
SAUNDERS, Raymond
SCHMIDT, Lorrimer
SCHOOLS, George
SMITH, Albion
SMITH, Carlos
SMITH, Charles O.
SMITH, Gardiner
STEARNES, Paul
STEEVES, Eldridge
STEVENS, Archie
SWAN, Edward
THAYER, Willard
THERIAULT, Martin
THURSTON, Dale
THURSTON, Howard
THURSTON, Murray
TIBBETTS, Homer
TRIMBACK, Frank
TRIPP, Raymond
TYLER, Harris
TYLER, Lawrence
VASHAW, Stanley
WENTZELL, Rodney
WESTLEIGH, Henry
WHEELER, Albert
WHEELER, Chester
WILSON, Harry M.
YOUNG, Harold

GREENWOOD

AKERS, Jesse
BAILEY, Walter W.
BENNETT, Richard
BROOKS, Carl
BROOKS, Ronald
CHAINEY, Earl Jr.
CORKUM, Ralph
CURTIS, Frank
DAY, Leroy

EMMONS, Norton
HERRICK, Laurence
KYLLONEN, Wiljo
KIRK, Robert
MARTIN, Dwight
MARTIN, LeRoy Jr.
MOREY, Lloyd
NISKANEN, Olavi

POLVINEN, Walter
RING, Benjamin Albert
ROBERTS, David
ROBERTS, Gordon
ROBERTS, Lee
ROUKOLAINEN, Nester
ROUKOLAINEN, Reino
SEAMES, Stanley

SMITH, Guy
SMITH, Harry
SMITH, Warren
SUOMELA, Waino
SWAN, Edmund Keene
THURLOW, Dana
VAIL, Francis H.
WAISANEN, Henry
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GILEAD

BRYANT, Clayton E.
DANIELS, Douglass
DANIELS, George Cash
DANIELS, Paul

DEGGSTER, David
HEBERT, Edward
LOSIER, Larry Jr.

MC COY, Samuel
PATNEAUDE, Homer
PEABODY, John W.

PEABODY, Richard
WITTER, Andrew
WITTER, Ferrol

GROVER, Howard

MCKENZIE, Fred
MORRILL, Dwight
MORRILL, Robert

MORRILL, Laurice

MASON

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WOODSTOCK

ABBOTT, Harland
ALLEN, Clarence
ALLEN, Herbert
BAILEY, William
BECK, Arthur
BENSON, Gerald
BROOKS, Charles
BROWN, Harold
BRYANT, Raymond
CASH, Carl

CASH, Lee
CHASE, Faulkner
CHASE, Gordon
COFFIN, Roy
CUMMING, Murray
CUMMING, Robert
CUSHMAN, G. Bernard
DAY, Robert
DAVIS, Guyson
DAY, Roy

DUNHAM, Raymond
EVANS, Otis
FARRAH, Stanley
GAMMON, Carleton
HARDY, Elwell
HARRIMAN, Fred
HATHAWAY, Torence
HOWE, Charles
HOWE, Richard
KENNISON, Ralph

LOWE, Wilfred
MESERVE, Leon
MORGAN, Stanley
POLAND, Vernon
REEDMAN, Wayne
RING, Clayton
SILVER, Derwood
STROUT, Delma
SWAN, Moses
YATES, Carroll

NEWRY

AUGER, Fred Jr.
BEAN, Inn L.
BENNETT, Richard
BLAKE, Richard (Grafton)

HANSCOM, Rodney
JOHNSTON, Leslie
LANE, Earl
NOWLIN, Carl

POWERS, Rexford
RICHARD, Alfred
SMITH, Samuel T.
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VAIL, Earl W.
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HILLIGAN, Dexter Loraine

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LOCKE MILLS

Mary Mills, Correspondent
Pvt. Leland Dunham who was recently inducted into the service is stationed at Atlantic City, N. J.

Pvt. Nestor Ruokolainen was recently transferred from Keesler Field, Miss. to Wyoming.

Pvt. Leroy Martin Jr. has been transferred from New Orleans, La., to Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Ill., where he is attending a school of radio.

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GROVER HILL

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Whitman were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rogers from South Waterford and Winfield Whitman from Bethel Village.

Maria Mills from Bethel visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mundt, Saturday.

Walter Brown began working in Saunders' mill Monday, but during the day sustained a painful cut on the elbow of his right arm which necessitated the taking of nine stitches by a physician.

Recent callers on Mrs. Maurice F. Tyler have been George Bennett from West Bethel and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garber from Bethel.

Walter Brown has sold his entire herd of cattle to T. E. Westleigh of West Bethel.

Cleve Waterhouse, who worked for Karl Stearns last week, is now employed by Clarence Bennett in the woods.

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent
The Misses Etta and Vola Barnett and Bessie Casey were home from Rumford over the week end. Donald Fraser has been home from Portland for a few days.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed Exec. of the estate of Ellen Swantek of Hanover in the County of Oxford, deceased, without bond. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Clarence G. Howe,
Locke's Mills, Maine
Jan. 10th, 1943.

ROWE HILL

Mrs. Lee Summer and baby son have returned home.

Maggie Bryant visited at Locke Mills Tuesday.

Merle Lang of Locke Mills spent the week end at N. A. Bryant's.

Mrs. Ray Hanscom of Locke Mills Palmer, spent Thursday with Miss Rosella Palmer.

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Pupils having 100 percent in Spelling for the week ending Jan. 29 were: Grade III, Patricia Davis, Patricia Rolfe; Grade V, Elizabeth Davis, Ronald Kendall, Lillie Maxim, Charles Smith; Grade VII, Joseph Kneeland, Richard Rolfe; War Stamp sales: Primary room, \$1.45; Grammar room, \$11.60. Due to whooping cough several children are absent from school, especially in the Primary room.

STATE OF MAINE

Jan. 21, 1943

ORDERED, the House concurring, that no bill or private or special legislation be received by this legislature after four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 3, 1943, except by unanimous consent after four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 3, 1943, shall stand referred to the Ninety-second Legislature if unanimous consent for its reception is not given in the other body in concurrence, and further.

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ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate cause a copy of the above orders to be published in all the daily and weekly papers of the State, commencing January 23, 1943, and continuing up to and including February 10, 1943. (S. P. 111)

A true copy
ATTEST ROYDEN V. BROWN
Secretary of Senate,

EAST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bartlett and daughter of Rumford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bartlett from Wednesday until Friday of last week. Friday Raymond Bartlett started for Norfolk, Va., for training as he has enlisted in U. S. Navy.

Edgar Coolidge was thrown from the sled Tuesday P. M. as he was working with his team in the woods. He was pinned under the sled hurting one leg when rescued by Victor Robinson who heard Mr. Coolidge's cries for help as he was going home from working in the woods just beyond where Mr. Coolidge was hauling.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swan and family and Roscoe Robinson of Dixfield visited Victor Robinson Sunday at S. B. Newton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Burns of Portsmouth, N. H., were Sunday guests of Mrs. S. B. Newton.

Clayton Swan and Sonny Cummings of Locke Mills were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed.

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club held a meeting Saturday at Mrs. Howe's. Seven members were present. It was voted to have a party at the hall February 12, with cards for older folks and dancing for the younger ones. It was also decided to take charge of selling defense stamps to the younger children during the summer months so that all would get their stamps regularly. Pans were made for the next meeting. February 18.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-three, from day to day from the third Tuesday of said January. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1943, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Mary G. Arkett, of Bethel, adult ward, petition for license to sell real estate situated in Woodstock, presented by A. Hortense Chapman, conservator.

Leon G. Widber, late of Bethel, deceased; petition for the appointment of Ernest F. Bisbee as administrator of the estate of said deceased with bond, presented by Wilbur W. Widber, brother and heir-at-law.

Witness, Albert J. Stevens, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

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Washington Digest

'Hirohito Now' Strategy Gains New Proponents

New Line of Argument Developed in Favor Of Immediate Action Against Japanese Empire.

By BAUKHAGE
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Some weeks ago the story of the real purpose of the visit to America of Madame Chiang Kai-shek was told in these columns. Since then it has been confirmed by unofficial statements credited to "Chinese quarters"—that her mission was a show-down fight for an immediate offensive against Japan. In the interim two things have taken place. The Chinese government has let it be known unofficially that it realizes that America is so occupied elsewhere that a drive on Japan with China as a base cannot be expected at the moment. This would seem to be a retreat. It may be only

calls for action in the Far East now are being heard.

Of course, this is not new. There were similar demands which had to be silenced by official utterances from Roosevelt and Churchill nearly a year ago which, if they had not sufficed alone, seemed effective when bolstered by the launching of the American and British expeditionary forces in Africa.

Airplane's Role

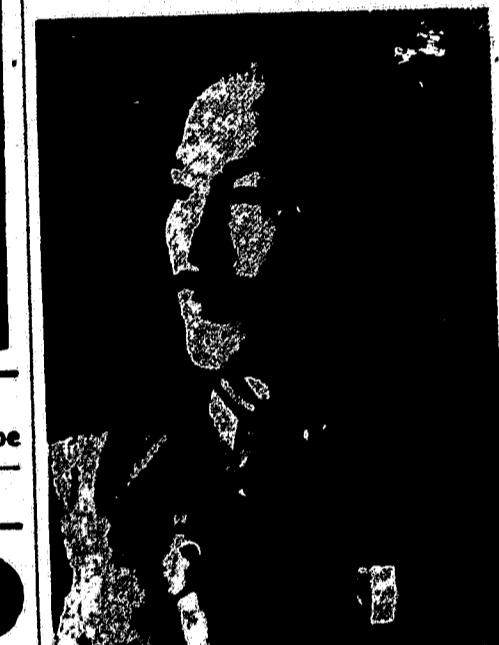
By a change in the face of the war, I refer particularly to the role the airplane is to play. Aircraft is a vital factor in offensive and defensive warfare, but it has been demonstrated that airpower alone doesn't win and hold. This has been proved by the success of the convoys which have "gotten through" in the face of terrible onslaughts by the Luftwaffe.

Two things have served to cut down the airplane's offensive power. First, there is the improvement of anti-aircraft guns and second, increased experience in anti-aircraft warfare. I talked to a British naval officer who had been aboard two convoys which fought their way to Murmansk and three that weathered the fierce attacks in the Mediterranean taking supplies to Malta. He emphasized the fact that green gun crews could not meet the onslaught of the dive bomber. Trained crews could.

I talked with an American naval officer who had been through Coral sea and the battles in the Solomons. He said that the anti-aircraft defense of our most modern warships was such that fighter plane defense was hardly necessary, that time and again it had been proved that this new equipment could raise a wall of fire which rendered air attack by the Japs futile.

Now, how does this affect the "Hirohito now" argument?

This way: We cannot leave Japan alone until we are quite ready and then expect to finish her off with an



Chiang Kai-shek.

a demarche, for suddenly, from several other quarters including Australian and Dutch with many American voices echoing in between, the demand for "Hirohito now" action is being heard.

It may be team work. The Chinese course so far is this: Chiang Kai-shek, discouraged because of the futility of his pleas for additional supplies and help for America's failure to replace certain supposedly unsympathetic American representatives in Chungking, he ordered the Chinese military mission to the United States to come home. At the same time stories appeared to the effect that China felt that she was not being given a position of equality among the United Nations when it came to strategy and overall planning.

Polite Chinese

Then the head of the Chinese mission was called to the White House and it was explained that if he withdrew at this moment it would embarrass the United States—would he please take a nice long trip investigating American war-plants until the disturbance blew over. Perhaps he had the promise of more of the products of these plants. But that has not been made public. In any case, the Chinese, noted for their politeness acquiesced. A little later Britain and the United States signed treaties with China relinquishing their extraterritorial rights there.

But no sooner had this step been taken than suddenly voices, unofficial to be sure, but fairly strident, began asking if this "Hitler first" strategy was really sound? Couldn't Britain and the United States divide our efforts and still conquer?

By the time this reaches print there may be similar statements from official sources down under, or from the vitally concerned Dutch, but meanwhile, either self-generated or systematically inspired, continual

overwhelming airforce. As this is written, in spite of the constant and terrific bombing by Allied planes, the Japs have been able to complete and operate an airbase at Buna, the nearest Jap outpost to Guadalcanal. And further, the Allies, in spite of mass raids, devastating to ordinary buildings, have not been able to destroy the German submarine bases and submarine plants.

Navy and Land Troops

We must therefore depend on our navies and our land troops for the final destruction of Japan. And, it is argued, every day that Japan has to increase her fortifications, every day that she has to exploit the raw materials of her conquered territory, the harder it will be to beat her.

It is further argued that Germany cannot be absolutely beaten without terrific losses on our side, once she retreats within her own borders.

She can be starved out. Therefore the argument is: Continue to move in through the rim of occupied countries until an iron blockade is formed around the Reich, but meanwhile begin an all-out offensive in the Far East; first, with the capture of enough of Burma to get an inlet to China, then, perhaps through the rest of Burma or Thailand move into China, re-arm, reinforce her, send in our own troops and attack Japan with China as a base.

If that is not done now Japan, may be able to isolate China, may be able with silver bullets to win some of her provinces to "puppet" independence and completely paralyze that valuable ally and block off entrance through her territory, so it is argued by the "Hirohito now" advocates.

War-Wearied Europe

The argument presented by the same proponents against waiting until we have finished "Hitler first" is two-fold: When Germany finally falls it will leave Europe and its people, especially its fighting manpower, so war-weary that it will be hard to interest them in a war half way around the world. We may get less help than we need for the job.

Second, the process of reaching into Japan Island by island, is a slow process as we have found at Guadalcanal and on New Guinea. The northern half of New Guinea, a long-held Japanese stronghold, will be harder to conquer than the part now won back by MacArthur's men. We know that the Japs will not surrender: We know that in some places, like the Netherlands Indies, where a large part of the population is at best indifferent, the Japs can live off the land.

It would mean fighting every inch of the way against "no surrender" troops while the main Japanese armies were moving into China, fortifying the gateways to the continent.



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By VIRGINIA VALE
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Whoever gets the rights to film Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's life will know that he's won out over stern competition; even before Captain Rickenbacker's recent and famous adventure in the Pacific the major studios were interested in his life story.

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NOUS JEUNES FILLES

The Nous Jeunes Filles Club met January 28 with Beatrice Brown as Mrs. Gordon was ill and could not entertain. Seven members were present. Phyllis Davis, the vice-president, conducted the meeting in the absence of the president.

The club voted to raise money for the Red Cross by each member giving a party or some form of entertainment in her home.

February 11 the WCCSI has invited the Nous Jeunes Filles to meet with them for a pot luck supper. Barbara Luxton and Beatrice Brown were appointed for the program committee.

GOULD ACADEMY**Third Marking Period**

Special Honor Roll. Average of all grades above a mark of 90: Seniors: Louisa Bacon 3, Constance Sawyer 3, Juniors: Anne Aldrich 3, Sophomores: Priscilla Carver 3, Claire Lapham 3, Musa Swan 3, Phyllis Tebbets 3, Freshmen: Patricia Cooley 3, Marilyn Noyes 2, Priscilla Ring 3.

Certificate Honor Roll. Average of all grades above a mark of 80.

Seniors: Alice Bennett 3, Ida Lee Clough 3, Lincoln Colby 2, Robert Goldermann 2, Rachel Gordon 1, Norman Jacobs 2, Mary Jobin 3, Geneva Lane 1, Jacqueline Leader 2, Heriberta Norton 3, Elizabeth Rublee 2, Margaret Spaulding 1, Marion Waterhouse 3, Barbara Wheatley 3, Carolyn Wight 2.

Juniors: Francis Berry 2, George Bryant 3, Betty Burton 2, Peggy Cates 2, Francis Gilman 3, Margaret Hanscom 2, Margaret Chaffee 1, Barbara Coolidge 2, David Hawkins 2, Edward Little 3, James Reid 3.

Sophomores: Mary Sue Adams 1, Robert Foster 1, Mary Gibbs 2, Barbara Hastings 2, Katharine Kellogg 1, John Mills 2, Donald Morrill 3, Pauline Philbrick 3, Barbara Wilson 1, Archie Young 2.

Freshmen: Louise Bacon 2, Pearl Daye 1, John Greenleaf 3, Margery Howard 1, Nellie Lapham 2, John Marshall 3, Jean Murphy 1, Lendall Nevens 1, Clare Tyler 2, Mary Ward 2, Marie Whit 3.

Numbers indicate the number of hours students have received this honor this year.

Seniors Lead in Basketball Series

As the second round of the Gould Academy Basketball series is now in full swing we find the Seniors clinging to a slight half game lead over the Juniors. The upper classmen have won three games and lost one while the Juniors have two and dropped a single game. Competition has been particularly keen between these two clubs. The real upset to date was the 28-22 setback handed the Seniors by the third place Sophomores who previously were defeated by the Seniors and Juniors. The P. G. Frosh team has dropped two encounters and have yet to register a win. They lost a tough one to the Seniors 23-20 and another to the Juniors 26-20.

In the Class "B" Series for more inexperienced players Bill Grover's "Pole Cats" are leading with three wins and no defeats. Sherm Emery's "Screech Owls" follow with one win and two losses, while Walker's "Mud Hens" gained their first victory Tuesday after dropping their first three games.

BORN

In South Paris, Jan. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curtis of Greenwood, a daughter, Collate Lucy.

DIED

In Melrose, Mass., Jan. 14, Mrs. Evangeline Clough, native of Bethel, aged 76 years.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all kindness shown us during our recent sorrow and for the beautiful floral tributes and all expressions of sympathy.

Mrs. Virginia D. Littlehale
Miss Carole Littlehale
Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Littlehale
and family

Are you entitled to wear a "target" lapel button? You are if you are investing at least ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day. It's your badge of participation.

The school children have been unable to get to school several days the past week on account of bad roads.

MEN'S ALL WOOL ZIPPER JACKETS, \$3.50
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Dick Young's RAILROAD STREET Station

R. S. Chapman, Mgr.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES**Sunday, February 7****CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Rev. Herbert T. Wallace, Minister

9:30 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship.

Scripture subject, "A Confession of Faith."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of the service.

6:30 p. m. The Pilgrim Fellowship.

BETHEL TEMPLE METHODIST CHURCH

M. A. Gordon, pastor

9:45 Church School. Edwin Brown, Supt. Classes for all.

11:00 Sunday Morning Worship.

Special singing by choir. Mrs. Mildred Lyon, organist. Subject of sermon, "Living with God." Short regular business meeting of the church and friends of the church.

6:30 Epworth League.

Thursday, Feb. 11, joint meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Nous Jeunes Filles Club. Pot luck supper.

And it came to pass in these days, that he went into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

Wednesday evening meetings on

second Wednesday of each month.

"Spirit" is the subject of the

Lesson-Sermon that will be read in

all Churches of Christ, "Scientist,"

on Feb. 7.

NORTH NEWRY

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morton

had for company over the week

end, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morton

of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Fileault.

Francis H. Vail Jr., who joined

the naval reserves last week was

at home from Boston, Saturday re-

turning Sunday night.

Miss Mina Stevens spent the

week end with her sister, Mrs.

Sherman Greenleaf at Bethel.

Miss Carrie Wight, Supt. of

Schools was in Upton Sunday p.m.

Leon Enman was at home from

Rumford over the week end.

Richard Blake has been ill the

past week with chicken pox.

Wm. Walker called at L. E.

Wight's, Saturday.

Omer and Leonard Richard are

at their home at this writing.

R. M. Bean was on Bear River

Monday evening.

The circle supper and card party

at Herbert Morton's home Friday

night was very well attended.

Daniel Wight and sister, Eliza-

beth were guests Saturday night of

their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E.

Wight.

Mrs. Vaughn Vail, President of

the North Newry Church Circle has

called a meeting for Wednesday

afternoon to make plans for the

work to be held at the home of

Ida Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ferrell of

Andover had dinner with Mr. and

Mrs. L. E. Wight, Monday.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Mrs. Ray Hankom, Locke Mills

visited Mrs. Beryl Martin one day

last week.

Mrs. R. L. Martin has been quite

ill but is some better at present.

Glenn Martin, Rowe Hill called

in the vicinity recently.

Chester Morey of Tubbs District

called at R. L. Martin's recently.

Mrs. Gladys Balle, Lockes Mills

was in the vicinity over the week

end.

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WEST PARIS**Tuell.****Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent**

The fifth and sixth grade school

Miss Letty Day, teacher, held a

prize speaking contest Friday af-

ternoon with program as follows:

Lords's Prayer, Flag Salute, Sing-

ing America. The speakers were

Sylvia Andrews, Betty Smith, John

Small, Flossie Buck, Two songs by

boys, Joyce Buck, Francis Satterly,

Beverly Smith, Irene Heikkinen,

Laurence Emery; saxophone solo,

Richard Abbott; Pauline Buck;

Dorothy Andrews. 1st prizes, Joyce

Buck, Francis Slattery; 2nd; Doro-

thy Andrews, Sidney Perham;

Judges, Mrs. H. A. Libby, Clara

Berry, Mrs. Gertrude Stone. Re-

freshments were served.

The Bates Literacy Club met at

the home of Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes

Friday afternoon. Meetings will be

held only once during a month on